



Treasures of the Lloyd Library and Museum

John Uri Lloyd, Nelson Ashley Lloyd, and Curtis Gates Lloyd, three brothers who grew up in rural Boone County, Kentucky in the mid-nineteenth century, each came to Cincinnati as a teenager to work as a pharmacist's apprentice. All three would become registered pharmacists. In 1871, when John Uri took charge of the lab at H.M. Merrell and Company, he discovered that he needed reference material to successfully manufacture medicines. The foundation for the Library had begun.

The Lloyd brothers built a successful pharmaceutical manufacturing business, which focused on botanical medicines, at the same time they were building a world-class library. On the business end, both were ably managed by Nelson Ashley. Curtis Gates, whose interests leaned to botany

and fungi, became the Library's main book collector. He relied on local booksellers but also made many trips to Europe to acquire books and periodicals, using wish lists compiled by himself and John Uri.

During the brothers' lifetimes and for all the years since, the Library has served local students and faculty in the fields of pharmacy and medicine, scholars from around the world, and the general public. The Library has continued to grow and is the home to masterpieces of botanical illustration, historic medical texts, landmark works of natural history, and the Lloyd family's personal keepsakes. *Treasures of the Lloyd* tells the story of the Lloyds' collection and provides insight into their most enduring legacy, the Lloyd Library.

